



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 600,000 people, including 9,860 Minnesotans, will lose their lives to cancer in the United States in 2017; and
- WHEREAS: The National Cancer Institute estimates up to 210,000 deaths in the United States could be avoided with early and appropriate cancer screening; and
- WHEREAS: Cancer death rates dropped 25 percent between 1991 and 2014 because of less smoking and advances in early detection and treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Cancers detected at the local stage are much more survivable than cancers detected after they have spread; and
- WHEREAS: Early detection and treatment are critical because cancer can be asymptomatic and can occur in people who have no family history with the disease; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention research shows that Americans often fail to undertake commonsense cancer screening tests; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans are encouraged to visit [cancerscreenweek.org](http://cancerscreenweek.org) for cancer screening resources and talk to their healthcare providers about cancer risk factors and recommended screening options.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim week of December 3-9 2017, as:

## CANCER SCREEN WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



  
SECRETARY OF STATE